



Biography

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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT HERBERT A. HANSON, JR.



Chief Master Sergeant Herbert A. Hanson, Jr. is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 43rd Airlift Wing, Pope Air Force Base, N.C. He is the principal advisor to the wing commander on enlisted health, welfare and morale issues affecting more than 4,000 enlisted personnel.

Chief Hanson was born in Portland, Maine, May 26, 1954. He graduated from Portland High School, Portland, Maine, in 1972 and enlisted in the Air Force in 1973.

His background includes various duties as an information systems manager, communication-computer systems manager, and additional duty first sergeant. His assignments include the White House Communications Agency, the Joint Special Operations Command, the Pentagon, and bases in Canada, England, Nebraska, North Carolina, Maryland, and Kansas. The chief has also deployed in support of Operation Joint Force, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Additionally,

Chief Hanson is a rated parachutist with more than 60 military jumps.

EDUCATION:

- 1981 Strategic Air Command Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
- 1985 Bachelor of science degree in political science, international relations, University of Southern Maine, Portland, Maine
- 1989 Military Airlift Command Noncommissioned Officer Academy, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.
- 1997 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1999 Associate of arts degree in information systems management, Community College of the Air Force

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1973 – June 1973, trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. June 1973 – November 1973, student, Technical School Training, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
3. December 1973 – June 1976, communications center specialist, Camp David Detachment, White House Communications Agency, Washington, D.C.
4. September 1976 – November 1980, communications operations technician, Maine Air National Guard, Portland, Maine
5. February 1981 – May 1983, supervisor, Telephone Operations, 1st Aerospace Communications Group, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
6. June 1983 – July 1984, noncommissioned officer in charge, Telecommunications Operations, Canadian Forces Base, Comox, British Columbia, Canada
7. September 1984 – August 1990, telecommunications specialist/ground airborne radio operator, Joint Communications Unit, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

8. August 1990 – September 1993, Air Force technical advisor, 175th Fighter Group, Martin State Airport, Baltimore, Md.
9. September 1993 – June 1995, information systems team manager, Defense Information Systems Agency, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
10. June 1995 – October 1996, superintendent, Joint Staff and National Military Command Computer Operations Branch, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
11. October 1996 – October 1998, superintendent, information systems flight, 43rd Communications Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
12. October 1998 – May 2001, chief, Information Systems Element, 423rd Air Base Squadron, Royal Air Force Molesworth, England
13. May 2001 – April 2003, superintendent, Information Systems Flight, 22nd Communications Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.
14. May 2003 – May 2004, chief enlisted manager, 22nd Communications Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.
15. June 2004 – present, command chief master sergeant, 43rd Airlift Wing, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Defense Information Systems Agency-Western Hemisphere, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 1995

Royal Air Force Molesworth, England, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 1999

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Technical Sergeant	Oct 1, 1988
Master Sergeant	Jul 1, 1992
Senior Master Sergeant	Feb 1, 1997
Chief Master Sergeant	Apr 1, 2001

(Current as of January 2005)